

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. HAMMOND made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Joint Resolution No. 20.]

*The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Lieutenant William F. Lovell, of the United States navy, praying that additional compensation may be paid to the officers and seamen who accompanied the expedition in search of Dr. Kane, have had the same under consideration, and report:*

That the expedition was peculiar, and required an outfit of stores, provisions, clothing, &c., suited to the extreme regions of the Arctic seas, and, in a large degree, unsuited for the ordinary service of the navy.

It went on its errand of humanity, uncertain how long it would be absent in the inhospitable regions to which it was sent. The cruise was expected to occupy a long time. Large supplies were laid in, and large expenditures were consequently thrown upon the officers, which the fortunately unexpected termination of the cruise rendered unavailable.

The expedition, learning the safety of Dr. Kane, returned to the United States with a large proportion unexpended of the stores and clothing, &c., which they had been compelled to lay in, in anticipation of a long voyage, and upon these loss was necessarily sustained.

The committee, believing that the officers who engaged willingly and gallantly in this arduous, dangerous, and suffering expedition of humanity should not be burdened with the loss which has thus resulted from the peculiar character and nature of the expedition upon which they were sent, recommend the allowance of increased compensation as an indemnity to these officers, and herewith offer a joint resolution for their relief, and recommend its passage.

